(CT)² Research Studies Project

INSTITUTIONAL/REGIONAL STUDIES INVESTIGATING THE STUDENT SUCCESS OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS WHO WERE GRANTED ARTICULATED COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH A STATEWIDE CAREER-TECHNICAL AGREEMENT OR OTHER FORMS OF NON-NATIVE ARTICULATED CAREER-TECHNICAL CREDIT

Objective

Ohio Revised Code 3333.162 directs the chancellor of higher education, in consultation with the department of education, public adult and secondary career-technical education institutions, and state institutions of higher education, to establish criteria, policies, and procedures that enable students to transfer agreed upon technical courses completed through an adult career-technical education institution, a public secondary career-technical institution, or a state institution of higher education to a state institution of higher education without unnecessary duplication or institutional barriers. Since 2007, the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN) has created over 100 statewide articulation agreements and continues to create additional agreements in various career-technical disciplines aimed at facilitating and easing statewide articulation and transfer. Institutional and student resources to explore options for career-technical education students to earn college credit are available at https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/ct2/earning-college-credit.

The (CT)² Research Study Project offers five public colleges or universities funding not to exceed $2,000.00 each to conduct local institutional studies of a qualitative or quantitative nature that will inform the OATN on the success outcomes of students who participated in career-technical education prior to enrollment at their college and who were awarded articulated career-technical education credit upon enrollment through the use of statewide articulation agreements [Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs)], Prior Learning Assessment, or the One-Year Option. Please note that the majority of the research must include CTAGs.

Guidelines and Requirements for Proposal Submission

- Must be an Ohio public community college, university with the ability to complete a quality research study by June 30, 2019. Institutions that have previously participated in a project are eligible to submit a proposal to continue a previous study.
- Express interest and submit a proposal according to project timelines (see dates below).
- Plan must include an anticipated scope of work (you are encouraged to, at a minimum, complete the included template).
- If the project concept is approved, the agency will draft deliverables with your institution and a contract. Contracts typically require the signature of an executive administrator (often the Provost). Please be sure this person has a working knowledge of the plans for the study, agrees to institutional participation, and anticipates and expedites signing the contract so that you may begin your work as soon as possible.
- Participating institutions will attend an initial coordination meeting to ensure that similar, but not identical, data are reviewed at each postsecondary institution.
- Participating institutions will attend the agency's Research Day event (April 2019) and present project information available/completed at the time of the event.
    - A presentation of FY16 research study participants is available at https://www.ohiohighered.org/sites/ohiohighered.org/files/uploads/transfer/CT2/OACTE_Presentation_Combined_Final7.29.2016.pdf.
- Project must be completed and documentation of final activities must be provided to the Ohio Department of Higher Education no later than June 30, 2019.

- Payment will be made according to the deliverables of the contract and after submission of an institutional invoice on or near June 30, 2019.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education reserves the right to fund any proposal in full or in part, to request or use additional information to assist in the review process, to require new proposals from interested parties, to reject any or all proposals responding hereto, or to re-issue modify or cancel the project if it is determined to be in the best interest of the state.

Project Deadlines
- Information session to be conducted during October 3rd, 2018 OCTANE 3.0 Professional Development / (CT)² Institutional Research Webinar.
- Receive proposal submissions by November 12th, 2018.
- Award notifications to institutions on December 1st, 2018.
- Execute participant contracts by January 7th, 2019.
- Initial participant meeting (January 2019).
- Research Day event (April 2019).
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SCOPE OF WORK

Briefly describe your research plan: *Description should include the type of study the institution plans to conduct (quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods), the major research questions you will address and the definition of key terms, estimated number of students or cases that will be reviewed, how the institution will review the student data (SIS, paper files, etc.), and the student populations that will be investigated (CTAG, One-Year Option, etc.). Please note that the majority of the research must include CTAGs.*	
Which of the following elements will your final report include?	☐ Executive summary ☐ Narrative covering purpose, procedures, and results ☐ Total number of students that have used CTAG credit in given year(s) ☐ Graphs/charts on student success measures of students that have utilized CTAG credit ☐ Other infographics ☐ Other, please describe
Which academic years will your investigation cover?	
Please describe the timeline and personnel plan to accomplish the work: *Description should include readiness to complete the work and a timeline that completes the study on or before June 30, 2019. To facilitate a future MOU, please indicate which functional unit and/or division that will be responsible for accomplishing the work (e.g., Registrar under the direction of the CAO, institutional research under the direction of the CIO, etc.).*	

	Capability	Actual
Which of the following student success measures will your plan have the capability to address, and which will your plan actually address?	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	**Actual** ☐ First semester GPA ☐ Sequential course (in major) success ☐ Second semester GPA ☐ Completion of 15 semester hours ☐ Certificate completion ☐ Degree completion ☐ Other, please describe
Would your institution be willing to participate in an initial meeting to review research project data elements?	☐ Yes ☐ No	

Would your institution be willing to attend the agency's Research Day event and present available findings?	☐ Yes ☐ No
What is the total amount of funds you are requesting (not to exceed $2,000) and briefly describe how the funds will be utilized?	Requested amount: Activity:

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This template may be submitted, along with any supplemental information, to Shane DeGarmo, Associate Director for Career-Technical Transfer Initiatives, at sdegarmo@highered.ohio.gov. Submissions may be submitted through November 12th, 2018.

Primary Contact _____

Institution _____

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E-mail _____

Phone _____

Name of Provost or other executive administrator (for MOU purposes)

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Title _____

Signature _____